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THREE IRISH CHIEFS SHOT; BIRRELL OUT

President and Military Leader of Short-Lived Republic Executed

BIRRELL RESIGNS OFFICE

Hundreds of Prisoners Are Taken to England and Dublin

LONDON, May 3.—Peter Pearce, president of the seven days' Irish Republic; James Connolly, commander of the army of the Irish Republic, and a third man, whose name was not given, were found guilty by court-martial and shot to death this morning.

Their executions were announced in the House of Commons this afternoon by Premier Asquith.

The three Irish chiefs were shot by a firing squad at Dublin. Dispatches from the Irish capital state that the British military authorities are exercising the most drastic measures in dealing with the insurgents.

About 300 more prisoners, including several leaders, were brought to England today.

BELFAST, May 3.—More than 600 prisoners have arrived here from Dublin on an armed train.

DUBLIN, May 3.—Court-martial trials of those who took part in the Sinn Fein uprising are under way, it was officially announced today. Charges against the prisoners are brought under the "defense of the realm" act. Only the least important of the prisoners are being tried in Dublin. The important trials will be held in England. A number of women are among the prisoners still held in Dublin.

The announcement was made by the Prime Minister a moment after an announcement was made that Chief Secretary for Ireland Augustine Birrell, held largely responsible for the Irish outbreaks, had resigned from the Cabinet.

Premier Asquith stated that all three of the rebel leaders executed this morning had signed the proclamation of a new Irish republic issued by the rebels at the beginning of the Dublin outbreak. This statement eliminated the possibility that Sir Roger Casement, awaiting trial in the Tower of London for the part he played in the revolution was one of those shot.

AUGUSTINE BIRRELL QUILTS OFFICE AS CHIEF SECRETARY FOR IRELAND; DUBLIN IN RUINS

LONDON, May 3.—Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has resigned from the British Cabinet as the result of the Irish revolution. The announcement of his resignation was made upon his return from Dublin today.

Birrell, who first served in the British Cabinet as president of the Board of Education, was appointed Chief Secretary in 1907. He held his post through the Cabinet crisis last May that resulted in the formation of a coalition ministry. Birrell was a Liberal in politics. Before his appointment to the Cabinet, he had written a number of books and had edited an edition of Boswell's Life of Johnson.

A total of 179 buildings in Dublin was destroyed or damaged during the seven days' uprising, the chief of the Dublin fire department cabled today. He estimated the fire loss in the Clackville street district alone at \$8,000,000.

Sir Roger Casement, the Irish knight, who was captured while trying to land arms and ammunition upon the coast of Ireland from a German ship, has expressed the wish that he be tried "in order to set an example of fortitude and courage."

It is likely that the "privates" in the army will be sentenced to imprisonment until the termination of the war, or for a longer period at the discretion of the Government. Important documentary evidence has

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THE WEATHER

The weather man is trying to put over a mean trick on us today. He slipped a ready-made prediction rain and it didn't rain. So he says, "All right, it'll rain today or tonight, then, I meant to say it today in the first place." From the way it looks and feels right now, he is going to lose the first time, and he would richly deserve it. This sort of thing is done by the actions of some unscrupulous, when they say they have made a mistake in a decision, try to even up things later by giving the other side the benefit of the next close one. But two wrongs never make a right.

And two wrong predictions never made a rainy day.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Unsettled, with probably showers tonight; Thursday partly cloudy; somewhat cooler; gentle south to west winds.

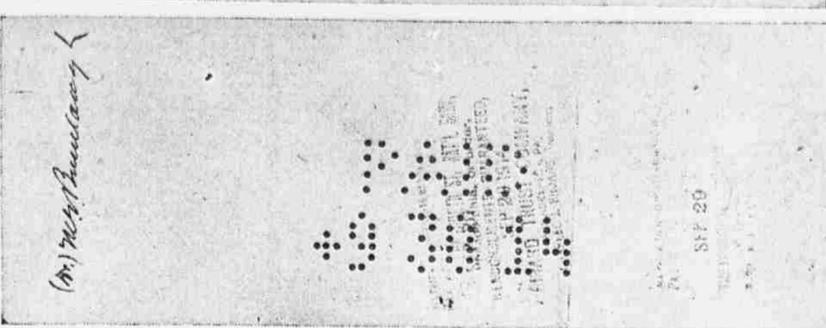
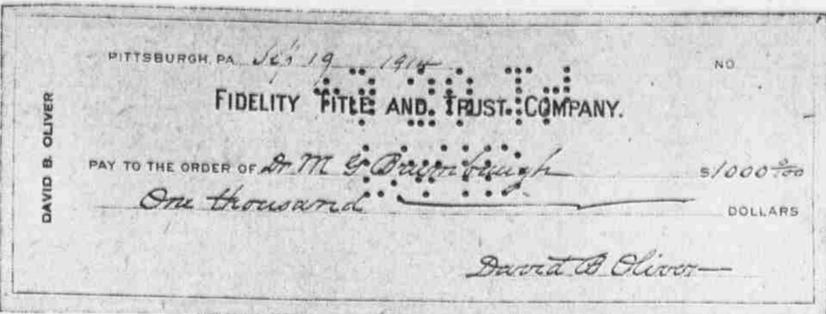
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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A pair of black and white shoes, size 10, last seen at 12th and Walnut st.

FOUND—A pair of black and white shoes, size 10, found at 12th and Walnut st.

REAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF OLIVER CHECK TO GOV. BRUMBAUGH



Following Senator George T. Oliver's denial of published charges that the check episode was a "frame-up," he permitted photographs of the celebrated check to be made for the EVENING LEADER in Washington yesterday. The picture of the face of the check shows the bank perforation which did not appear in the reproduction of the check's face as originally published. Senator Oliver asserts that this perforation did not appear in the original reproduction because the photographer "touched up" his negative in order that the check might have a better appearance. Also, these photos reveal on the back of the check, though faintly, the stamps of the Girard Trust Company and the Fourth Street National Bank of Philadelphia, also a very faint circle above them on which the words Pittsburgh Clearing House can be distinguished. This latter does not show in the reproduction. Senator Oliver contends that these indorsements did not show in the first printed copy because they are in purple ink and not susceptible of being reproduced.

VILLA PURSUIT WILL CONTINUE; MEXICO YIELDS

U. S. Forces to Press Bandit Chase, but in Restricted Zone

WILL USE RAILWAY LINE

EL PASO, Tex., May 3.—In a personal telegram to Minister of War Oregon today, General Carranza stated he had received the report on the conference with General Scott and was giving it his "careful consideration and attention." The First Chief also expressed himself as well pleased with the progress made.

EL PASO, Tex., May 3.—The American troops will remain in Mexico until Pancho Villa is captured or killed. This is the salient point in General Scott's diplomatic victory over General Alvaro Obregon, representing the Carranza Government.

While no official announcement has been made that an amicable settlement was reached, it is reliably stated by army officers in touch with the situation that terms have been reached and that announcement is withheld pending ratification from Washington.

It is understood that General Obregon yielded unconditionally on his contention that the troops be withdrawn. On the other hand General Scott compromised in that he allowed the zone of the expedition to be restricted.

The result of the whole affair is that the American troops will stay in Mexico and see that Villa and his bands are destroyed. It does not matter whether the Carranzistas do the work or the American troops. Pershing is to stay "on the job" and see it well done. The border is to be freed of raid menaces.

According to the reported agreement between the two sides, the limit of the expedition is the town of Columbus, Ochoaqui.

CARRANZISTAS TO AID. General Obregon pledges active co-operation in the reported agreement. It is the opinion here that this co-operation will be real, for the sooner the work is accomplished, the sooner will the Americans withdraw.

A further victory was scored by Gen-

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GOVERNOR ADMITS HE'S NOT RUNNING FOR PRESIDENCY

Sole Purpose, He Asserts, Is in Interest of Party "Unity"

PLEA FOR DELEGATES

Brumbaugh Says He Seeks Complete Reunion of Party

"By the use of my name in the preferential primary, my sole purpose was to secure the return to the Republican party of those who in 1912 found it incumbent upon them to leave it."

"I and my friends would most happily and promptly give our support to any candidate whose support would insure a Republican victory in November."

"We must not allow Pennsylvania to throw away this opportunity to lead in a commanding way for a triumphal victory in November."

"We ask your support in selecting delegates to the convention in Chicago, who will steadily keep in mind this fundamental fact, not to serve the will of any leader, but who, free and untrammelled, will use their best endeavor to bring about a complete reunion of our broken forces, the nomination of an acceptable candidate and the Republican ticket next November."

Governor Brumbaugh has admitted that he is not running as a bonafide presidential aspirant, and asserted that his sole purpose is to obtain the return to the party of "those who in 1912 found it incumbent upon them to leave it."

Reiterating his statement that it was only in the interest of "unity" that he entered the combat, the Governor made an urgent plea for delegates "who will not serve the will of any leader, but who, untrammelled and free, by using their best endeavor, will bring about a complete reunion of the broken forces, the nomination of an acceptable candidate and the

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MILITIA RULES STRIKE ZONE IN BRADDOCK

Eighteenth Regiment Patrols Streets and More Troops Arrive Hourly

MOB MARCHES ON PLANT

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 3.—Adjutant General Stewart announced this afternoon that all of the National Guardsmen ordered to Pittsburgh for strike duty had arrived there. He added that for the present no other troops would be ordered to the strike district. The Tenth Regiment, however, will be held in readiness to proceed at a moment's notice.

PITTSBURGH, May 3.—Martial law prevails in Braddock, the scene of yesterday's fatal riots. The 18th Regiment is patrolling the streets and more militiamen are arriving hourly. The troops were sent in response to appeals by Sheriff Richards to Governor Brumbaugh.

Shortly after noon large bodies of strikers, most of them foreigners, began a movement toward Braddock. The Governor's Troop was immediately advised and prepared to move there forthwith.

Labor leaders view the coming of the troops with apprehension. They point out that the arrival of State troops in the Pittsburgh district has been the signal for renewed outbreaks. On other occasions many of the guardsmen have refused to fire into the crowds when ordered to do so.

The casualties in yesterday's riots were two dead and 30 wounded. Three are believed to be dying in the Braddock Hospital. Seven strike leaders are in jail, among them Anna Bell, a pretty young woman.

BOY STARTED RIOT.

Details of yesterday's battle show that it was caused by a 12-year-old boy who carried a banner crudely painted in red with this inscription, "Eight hours work."

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RUSSIA JOINS JAPAN TO SHUT CHINA'S 'DOOR'

Aid Pledged for "Any Action" Tokio May Wish to Take

NEW TREATY DRAWN UP

Open Door, Fostered by United States, Menaced by Strong Alliance

What Russo-Japanese Treaty Means to China

Japan obtains the pledged assistance of Russia in any action necessary to maintain peace in China. Russia is held by an iron-bound agreement to lend such aid, and Japan has full discretion as to when action is "necessary against China."

Japan and Russia agree to help citizens of their respective countries residing in each other's territory, and to respect the rights of the countries as nations.

Japan will continue to supply the Russian army with equipment, Japan reserving a sufficient supply to make its own army effective.

The upshot of the affair is that Japan gains a powerful vassal army to call when it wishes for service against China and against any third country that may seek to interfere.

PEKIN, May 3.—Russia and Japan have agreed upon a return of the closed door for China. A new treaty, establishing Russian and Japanese rights in Chinese territory, has been negotiated between Tokio and Petrograd, by which the "open door" on the Chinese coast, so valiantly championed by the United States, is to be closed.

Mail advices from Tokio, which escaped the attention of the censor, the reason of being sent by post instead of telegraph, indicate that Japan and Russia are taking advantage of the turbulent situation brought about by the world war and are planning to settle the fate of China between themselves.

THE NEW PACT.

The chief articles of the new Russo-Japanese treaty follow: First, Russia will cede to Japan a portion of the Chinese Eastern Railway from a point south of Harbin (Manchuria) to Chang Chung.

Second, while the present war lasts Japan will supply Russia with arms and other war supplies as far as it is compatible with the defense of the country and Japan's manufacturing capacity.

Third, Russia shall give liberal treatment to Japanese who live and engage in agricultural, commercial and industrial pursuits in eastern Siberia, northern Saghalien and in the territory belonging to the Chinese Eastern Railway in Manchuria.

Fourth, Russia shall maintain Vladivostok as a commercial port and shall not carry out any further military preparations likely to arouse the suspicions of Japan regarding Russia's intentions.

Fifth, Japan and Russia shall respect each other's interests in Manchuria and Mongolia, and if any dispute arises between them, it shall be settled by arbitration.

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AMBLER GETS TWO WARRANTS AGAINST GEORGE D. PORTER

Accuses Former Director of Criminal Libel and Giving Out False Information to Papers

HEARING TOMORROW

Two warrants for the arrest of George D. Porter, secretary of the Citizens' Republican League, were sworn out today by Charles A. Ambler, Vice-Brumbaugh-Smith candidate for Auditor General. The first warrant charged Mr. Porter with criminal libel, and the second with furnishing false and defamatory reports for publication in the newspapers.

The statements of Porter upon which the warrants are based were issued by the Citizens' Republican League and charged that Ambler, through his contracting firm, was profiting unfairly in a contract for the construction of a bridge at Phoenixville. Ambler yesterday morning asked Porter if he would assume responsibility for the statements. This the former Director of Public Safety and independent majority candidate did.

The papers, it is said, will be served on Thomas Rayburn White, counsel for Porter, this afternoon. Mr. White, it is understood, will accept service for his client. The case will be heard at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon before Magistrate Beaton in his office, at 11th and Spring Garden streets. Thomas J. Meagher will represent Ambler as counsel.

The league in its statement asserted that a low bid of \$100,000 for a bridge was rejected by the Chester and Montgomery County officials, who later awarded the contract to the Ambler-Davis Company for \$200,000. Such provisions that the contract ultimately would reach \$125,000.

Friends of Ambler today asserted that the \$35,000 bid was for a portion of the bridge only. They said that 11 reputable contracting firms bid on the second specifications, and that the Ambler bid was low by \$4000. The bids, as announced by Ambler-Davis Company, \$20,000; Dravo Construction Company, Pittsburgh, \$56,000; F. M. Talbot Company, New York, \$55,376; William C. Evans, Ambler, \$54,374 (the next lowest bid); Whitacker & Dashi, Harrisburg, \$49,738; Day & Zimmerman, Philadelphia, \$45,091; Thomas Sheahan, Hagerstown, Md., \$37,776; E. W. Foley, New York, \$34,775; National Foundry and Engineering Company, New York, \$34,000; Ferro Concrete Company, Harrisburg, \$33,424; J. E. Bunting & Co., Philadelphia, \$33,000; T. A. Evers, Philadelphia, \$31,400; Foster Construction Company, Newark, \$31,137. On unit price bids Ambler was also low, at \$102,221.

QUICK NEWS

FIRE DAMAGES LACKAWANNA RAILROAD PIER

NEW YORK, May 3.—Fire of unknown origin did \$100,000 damage to the pier of the Lackawanna and Western Railroad at the foot of 28th street this afternoon. The police declared there were no war supplies on the pier.

AMERICAN SCHOONER IN DISTRESS OFF BERMUDA

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Short of coal and fresh water and with her lifeboats washed away 700 miles east of Bermuda, the American schooner Roscellan, New York for Lisbon, was reported by the captain of the British steamship Coronado to be in distress, according to a State Department message from Kingston, Jamaica, today. The Roscellan is making for Bermuda. The schooner is owned by W. and S. Job, of 29 Broadway, New York.

WESCOTT DECLINES TO RUN FOR SENATOR

TRENTON, May 3.—Attorney General John W. Wescott today decided that he will not be a candidate for United States Senator to succeed James E. Martine. His friends had been circulating a petition asking him to enter the contest, but he declared today that he had requested them to recall it.

MARCH EXPORTS OF U. S. A RECORD

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The exports of the United States for March totaled in value approximately \$410,000,000. This, according to an announcement by the Department of Commerce today, sets a new world's record. The figures represent a gain over the best previous record, established in February this year, of about \$7,000,000. March's imports totaled \$214,000,000, leaving a net trade balance in favor of this country of \$196,000,000.

\$3,500,000 PHILADELPHIA DRYDOCK APPROVED

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The House Naval Affairs Committee today formally approved the subcommittee recommendation for a \$3,500,000 drydock appropriation for Philadelphia. It has been incorporated in the naval appropriation bill. The new drydock for Norfolk was approved also.

NORTHWESTERN R. R. ORDERS 1000 BOX CARS

CHICAGO, May 3.—The Chicago and Northwestern has ordered 1000 40-ton wood underframe box cars from the American Car and Foundry Company.

SPANISH SHIP SINKS AFTER EXPLOSION

CORUNNA, Spain, May 3.—The Spanish steamship Winifreda was sunk off the coast early today with the loss of one life. The ship went to the bottom six minutes after an explosion shattered the hull and the captain believes that it was torpedoed. All members of the crew except one were picked up and brought to Corunna.

SOFIA DENIES MAKING PEACE OVERTURES

BERLIN, May 3.—An official dispatch from Sofia, issued by the Overseas News Agency, denies reports published in a Swiss newspaper that the Bulgarian and Turkish envoys in Switzerland had opened negotiations for peace with representatives of the Entente Powers.

KING OF SPAIN SUGGESTED FOR U-BOAT ARBITRATION

LONDON, May 3.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says: "Diplomatic circles in touch with Germany believe the reply to the American note will be delivered Thursday, but that in all probability it will not be in the nature of a final reply. They expect that Germany will make counter proposals regarding the establishment of new rules for submarine warfare. It is suggested in political circles that the King of Spain will be asked to arbitrate between the two countries on the question of submarine warfare."

POINCARÉ HONORS SHAKESPEARE'S TERCENTENARY

PARIS, May 3.—President Poincaré sent a telegram to King George on the occasion of the Shakespeare tercentenary. He said France was interested in the event, not only because Shakespeare belonged to entire humanity, but because he was a voice from the past which made France familiar with the "eternal soul of a friendly people." King George, in reply, said he hoped Shakespeare's works were destined to be an influence forever in maintaining a close friendship between the two countries.

WAR VICTIMS TO BE EXCHANGED IN SWITZERLAND

LONDON, May 3.—The Foreign Office announces it has learned from Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador, that Germany has accepted the British proposals for the transfer to Switzerland of British and German wounded or invalid prisoners of war for exchange.

NORTHERN EPIRUS NOW UNDER GREEK RULE

BERLIN, May 3.—Northern Epirus has been placed under Greek civil administration, according to dispatches received here last night from Athens. It is said that the Greek Government has promulgated a decree establishing the districts of Komitza and Argiro Kastro. Greece has been endeavoring for some time to extend her administrative system to northern Epirus, which comprises northwestern Greece and part of southern Albania. Deputies from Epirus were admitted some time ago to the Greek Chamber.

"DOCTORED" FRUIT DEALERS TO BE ARRESTED

The State Dairy and Food authorities have ordered the arrest of more than 23 Philadelphia dealers for the sale of maraschino cherries said to have been artificially colored and treated with sulphur dioxide. The arrests will be made under the direction of Robert M. Simmers, agent for the Dairy and Food Commission in this district.

BUELOW URGES ACCEPTANCE OF AMERICA'S VIEW

PARIS, May 3.—Prince von Buelow, former Chancellor of Germany, prominently mentioned as a successor to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg or Foreign Minister von Jagow, has returned to Berlin from Switzerland. He has joined the moderate party in urging full acceptance of the conditions laid down in President Wilson's note, according to a dispatch from Geneva.

GREEK LIBERALS CHEER ALLIES AT SALONICA

PARIS, May 3.—The first mass-meeting at Salonica of the Greek Liberal party since the arrival there of the allied troops was held Sunday. The Haves correspondents at Salonica says an immense crowd gathered to listen to the Liberal orators, who demanded that Greece return to the policies of the former Premier Venizelos, and intervene in the war on the side of Serbia and her allies. The crowd cheered references to France and England, the correspondent says, and shouted its disapproval of Germany, Austria and Bulgaria.

PROGRESSIVES PERFECT PLANS FOR CONVENTION

CHICAGO, May 3.—Plans have been perfected for the Progressive party convention in the Auditorium Theatre on June 7, the day upon which the Republican convention opens. The seating capacity is limited to 4000. Flooring is to be put in from the stage to make an extension upon which the newspaper correspondents will be accommodated.

COMMISSION WILL RULE PERSIAN FINANCES

LONDON, May 3.—A Russian news agency dispatch from Teheran says arrangements have been completed for the formation of a commission to supervise the finances of Persia. The Persian Treasurer General will preside over the commission, which will include representatives of Russia and England. The body will decide what financial assistance Persia requires from England and Russia, will control expenditures and will draft the first real Persian budget.